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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

1. On this date Col. White, Mr. Garrison, and [ ] met with Mr. Merold, Production Manager, and Mr. Adamson, Field Supervisor, Government Printing Office, for the purpose of discussing the possibility of the transfer of the GPO printing plant in the Administration Building to CIA. This meeting was arranged as a result of the Public Printer's letter to the Director dated July 9, 1956. The Public Printer's letter was in reply to the Director's letter dated July 4, 1956.

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2. Col. White explained the reasons which the Agency felt required the consolidation of the GPO printing plant with the Agency facilities. He also explained that for security reasons the Director felt that the consolidated plant should be under the direct management of the Agency. After discussion Mr. Merold agreed with Col. White's position and stated that GPO had for sometime felt that they were not able to give adequate top level supervision to this plant because of security requirements. Mr. Merold stated that this matter had been discussed with the Public Printer prior to his coming to this meeting, and he was certain that the Public Printer would agree to this transfer. Further discussion indicated that the Government Printing Office was entirely willing to transfer free of charge equipment which the Agency or its predecessors had purchased. With respect to equipment which GPO has purchased Mr. Merold stated that arrangements could be made to transfer this equipment at its depreciated value. It was further agreed that all personnel now working in the plant desiring to do so would be allowed to transfer to the Agency. Mr. Merold indicated that any effective date for this transfer would be agreeable to the Government Printing Office.

3. It was decided that the Agency would prepare a memo of agreement to be signed by the Director and the Public Printer and to be concurred in by the Joint Committee on Printing. This agreement is to be reviewed by Mr. Merold in rough draft form in order to incorporate any suggestions which he may have prior to preparing the final draft. Col. White indicated that this procedure should be followed even though he may be out of town. The final papers should be submitted to his office for concurrence by himself or Mr. Lloyd and forwarded for the Director or Deputy Director's signature.

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